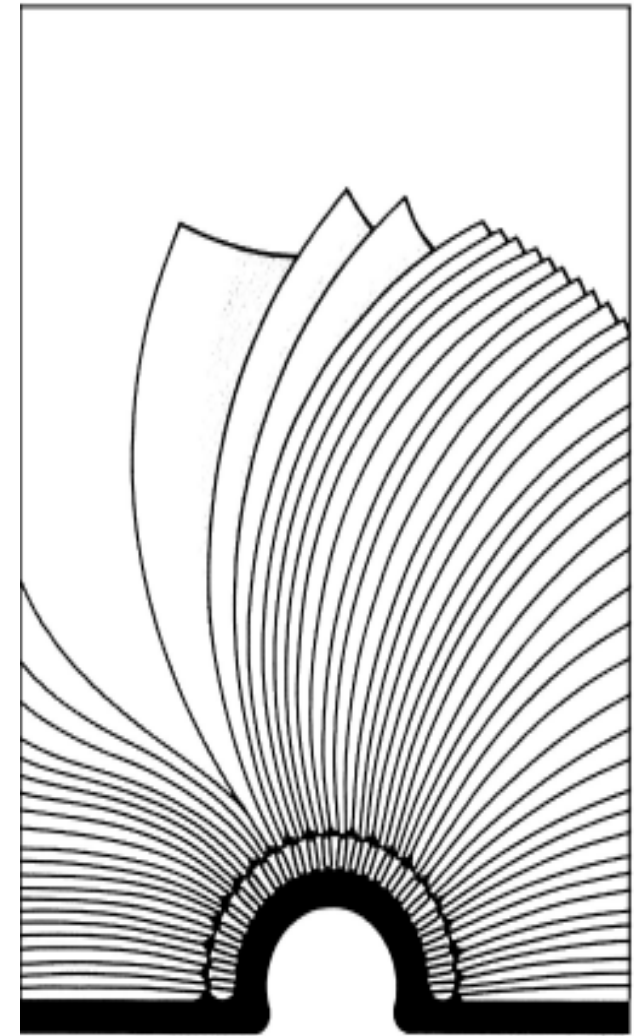
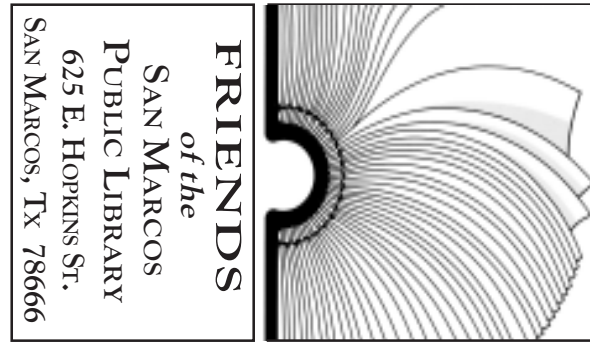


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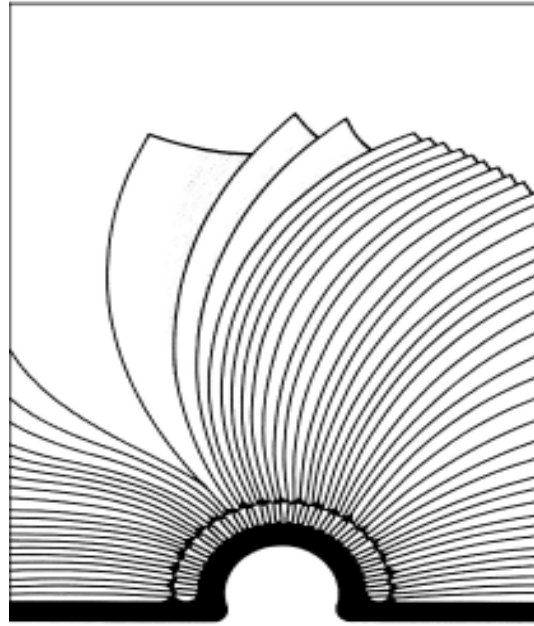
The San Marcos Public Library dates back to 1918 with the donation of the Brackenridge Club's book collection for a circulating library. The library was originally housed in a grocery store. Later it was moved to the County Courthouse and then to the Central Presbyterian Church. In 1930, the library moved to the tiny Red Cross building on Hutchison Street where it remained for over 35 years.

By 1935, the library had become a community-wide project supported by annual pledges from the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Brackenridge, and Sorosis Clubs.

In 1964, the library became a department of the City of San Marcos and the Friends of the Library was organized with the goal of raising funds to construct a new library. In just two years, the Friends were successful in raising over \$200,000 and in 1966 the City opened its new library at 310 West Hutchison Street. During its 27 years there, the library grew from 7,000 to 82,000 volumes.

In 1990, the City of San Marcos approved a bond issue to build a 27,000 square foot library on East Hopkins Street. The Friends were active in supporting the bond proposal and raised over \$50,000 to help furnish and equip the new building. The library was dedicated by Governor Ann Richards in March, 1994.

For over 35 years, the Friends of the Library organization has been committed to developing the resources and services of the San Marcos Public Library. Thanks to their efforts, our community has one of the finest libraries in the state.



OUR GOALS

The Friends of the San Marcos Public Library is a non-profit community organization dedicated to developing the resources and services of our library. Friends support the library by:

- § encouraging public awareness and appreciation of the library and its services
- § raising funds to furnish and equip the library and enhance its collections
- § providing financial and volunteer support for the children's summer reading program, the adult literacy program, and other special library programs
- § sponsoring biannual booksales and volunteer appreciation events
- § encouraging public support of the library through gifts of money, memorial donations, endowments, and bequests.

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